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More resident action urged at public forum

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MONSON — Instead of spending the start of the weekend enjoying the last stretch of the summer weather, residents of Monson and surrounding areas and their supporters came together for a forum for homeowners affected by pyrrhotite.

The forum took place on Aug. 30 at Granite Valley School and was hosted by founding member of the Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Foundations Michelle Loglisci. One of the main purposes of this forum was to inform those unaware of the dangers of pyrrho-

tite, a mineral used in some home foundations from the early 1980s until around 2015 and does not react well when exposed to oxygen and moisture.

Area elected officials who came to speak at the forum included Sen. Anne Gobi, who created and passed legislation to help affected homeowners and Rep. Brian Ashe. Other speakers were concrete industry expert Kevin Miller, affected homeowner and realtor Alyssa Rhodes.

From testing to remediation, homeowners could be on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars to save their homes. In the mean-

time, homes built with pyrrhotite in the foundation are typically worthless as far as re-sale value – even in this hyper-inflated sellers market.

During his presentation, Miller spoke about his experience in being a professional witness on 13 pyrrhotite cases in Connecticut, which has passed more robust legislation to assist affected homeowners than Massachusetts has in the past few years.

“I would go into these neighborhoods and would look at one house in the neighborhood and certainly see the damage, but as I drove away, I would go down the road and start to look at other houses and see

the corners and foundation starting to crack,” Miller said.

Miller then showed a PowerPoint on pyrrhotite and how to spot it. He said foundations built with “durable” concrete absent pyrrhotite shouldn’t experience the relative rapid deterioration area homeowners in distress are experiencing.

“Durable concrete is meant to be a concrete that’s going to have a better chance that will last the test of time,” Miller said.

“If done properly, that concrete would probably last a lifetime.”

Miller said it’s important for



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A forum for homeowners affected by pyrrhotite was held at Granite Valley School on Aug. 28. Founding Member of the Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Foundations Michelle Loglisci, Sen. Anne Gobi, Rep. Brian Ashe, and others, spoke at the event.

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COMMUNITY

New library programs for teens and young adults

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PALMER – Although summer vacation is officially over, there’s a whole new slate of activities for teenagers and young adults to enjoy at the Palmer Public Library.

Bridget Kennedy, who oversees Young Adult Services at the library, has three programs in particular she would like to showcase. One is the Teens Writer’s Circle, which meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for ages 13 to 18.

“It’s just an opportunity for them to have a space outside of their home to write and share their works with their peers,” Kennedy said.

“I had a program like this in college and loved I so much as my creative writing in high school. It was a nice space for me to have that writing class, but it was always for a grade, so that limits you a little bit. I wanted the local kids who are creatively inclined, to have a space where there’s no one holding them accountable. It doesn’t have to have any pressure, it’s just something that they can do for fun and a space for them to explore their creativity, explore themselves and just be teenagers, expressing whatever they want to.”

Another program the library offers is a teen anime club, which will take place bi-weekly Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5: p.m., beginning on Sept. 16 for ages 14 to 18.

“I had a have a lot of regular patrons who are very into anime and manga and graphic novels and they love to talk about it,” Kennedy said.

“I was going to start this pre-pandemic, but now I finally have the opportunity to get it launched and get those kids what they asked for, which is a space for them to read, watch and discuss the things they enjoy.”

The library will also be hosting a Young Adult Book Club, one Thursday per month, from 5 to 6 p.m., for ages 13 to 18. This club, which will be meeting on Sept. 9, has covered different book genres.

“We have done historical fiction, sci-fi, a little bit of romance, horror and mystery,” Kennedy said.

Participants have an opportunity to indulge what they know they like, as well as take a step out of their comfort zone.

“It’s really fun to explore different books and sometimes the

WELCOME BACK!



Palmer High Principal Sue North (center), with Assistant Principal Connie Mahoney and School Resource Officer Chris Welsh, celebrate the first day of school Tuesday. Students in Monson schools returned to the classroom the day before. For more local back to school photos, go to page 12.



Courtesy photos

Lileeana Reep (left) and Juliana Jarvis get ready for the first day of school at Granite Valley in Monson.



Shown on his way to his first day as an eighth-grader at Monson High School is Matthew Burke.

COMMUNITY

Running Out of Summer 5K goes to the dogs



Fruit Loop, a 7-month-old hound mix, eagerly met race participants at the annual Running Out of Summer 5K held Sunday, Aug. 29 at Brimfield Winery & Cider. Fruit Loop had been previously adopted out as a young puppy, then returned to Second Chance Animal Shelter after her owners left her with a dog sitter and never returned. Fruit Loop loves all people, including children and gets along well with other dogs. She is just one of the dogs Second Chance has available for adoption.



Josh Rathburn, of Holland, left, is shown with Bandit, a Dalmatian, and Mollie O'Hara, of Holland, is shown with Betty, a beagle mix at the start of the race.



Colleen Gary, of Brimfield, shares a quick hug with Blue Bell, a Pyrenees mix.

BRIMFIELD – One hundred and thirty-one runners and walkers enjoyed a fast, out-and-back course, this past Sunday for the fourth annual Running Out of Summer 5K presented by JFC Pros to benefit Second Chance Animal

Services. Starting and finishing at the Brimfield Winery & Cider, 35 Main St., the course traveled down Main Street, to Warren Road, where racers turned around to head back. Cooler weather arrived after an oppressive heatwave, creating ideal

conditions for both two-legged and four-legged race participants.

Race results are as follows:

1. Nicholas Guerin, 42 M 19:46.2
Linda Spooner, 47 F 19:51
3. Stephanie Fernandes, 31 F 20:44
4. Sylwia Lipior, 25 F 20:56

5. Rich Bamberger, 31 M 21:37
6. Julianne Gagnon, 25 F 21:57
7. John Talbot, 27 M 22:13
8. JP McCann, 32 M 22:14
9. Niall O'Connell, 25 M 22:46
10. Jonathan Foley, 23 M 22:55
11. Lester Forgit, 64 M 23:02

12. Mark Matthieu, 45 M 23:30
13. Gretchen Dalton, 39 F 24:01
14. John Mercier, 47 M 24:04
15. Dan Bellerive, 45 M 24:17

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**TYLER**

Adopted by Diane Auclair from Second Chance Rescue in Brookfield, his name was very intentional. "I am named after Aerosmith's Steven Tyler because I am a little rocker," he explains. A DNA test revealed Tyler is a Chihuahua/Dalmation mix. "This may explain why my nickname is 'The White Tornado,'" Tyler says. "I am a big boy in a tiny body and I am happy and loved in my forever home."

Do you have a pet that makes your life special (not limited to dogs and cats)? We feature your pets every week here and on Facebook. Just email a high-quality jpg and some information, including your pet's name, your name, and town, to mharri-son@turley.com.

It's 'Fore A Good Cause'

Newbies encouraged to take their hacks for HFA community center

BRIMFIELD — Hitchcock Academy is a local, non-profit community center whose mission is to provide educational, recreational, and cultural programming to serve the surrounding communities.

The center gives a lot. Now it needs some love back.

Fundraising plays an important role in helping Hitchcock Academy keep program costs low and accessible to all. An opportunity to support HFA is the inaugural "FORE a Good Cause" Tournament Sept. 18 at Heritage Country Club in Charlton. Whether you've never played golf or if you're a golf aficionado, all levels of play are encouraged to participate.

Built in 1855 by Samuel Austin Hitchcock to provide a free education for all students it served as a high school until the opening of

Tantasqua Regional High School in the 1950s. It is at that time that it became a community center. There are generations of families in the area that have come to Hitchcock Academy and benefited from the various programs and events.

Throughout its long history, Hitchcock Academy has changed and continually evolves to meet community needs. It has served as a community meeting space for Boy/Girl Scout Troops, 4H, toddler play groups, AA, art groups, free concerts and movies and summer recreation. There are many who remember the robust free tennis lesson program that fed the high school many talented players.

In addition to free programming, Hitchcock Academy also offers low-cost programming and events that range from exercise classes to music lessons, animal shows and much more.

The entry fee includes 18 holes of championship golf at this Central Mass. premier public course and includes a cart, prizes, a

raffle and the club's delicious steak dinner.

According to Hitchcock Academy Executive Director Cindy Skowrya, the tournament is called "Fore a Good Cause" because the funds raised support HFA operations as well as "help lower the costs of our programs, in keeping with the vision of our founder, Samuel Hitchcock," Skowrya said.

Golfers interested in taking advantage of mid-September's perfect weather can sign up for this event at hitchcockacademy.org or contact them at 413-245-9977. Businesses can still sponsor a hole for just \$100 in support of this treasured community asset.

Skowrya says she is optimistic that this fundraiser will build enough support to become an annual event.

"I think Samuel Austin Hitchcock would be pleased that the community he cared so much about recognizes that their patronage is essential to maintaining his vision," she said.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Courtesy photo

The Community Service Award was given to Paul S. Wisniewski by UMass-Amherst and the Mass. Lottery for his voluntary efforts in his home town of Palmer and at UMass-Amherst during the past 20 years. Especially noted were his activities during the peak of this year's pandemic. Paul solicited contributions from Palmer's business community toward local charities and NPOs. The thousands of dollars helped these volunteer groups to survive.

Trail committee needs members

MONSON — The Monson Conservation Commission is seeking volunteers to form a Trail Committee to help build and maintain trails on the town's open space lands.

An organizational meeting will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in Monson Town Hall, small conference room, 110 Main Street. If you enjoy walking Flynt Quarry, Peaked Mountain, and the other trails in Monson, consider joining the committee.

All ages and abilities are welcome.

The Trails Committee will work with the Conservation Commission and Opacum Land Trust to do such tasks as trimming brush, marking trails, and maintaining kiosks and parking lots. Monson just acquired 66 acres atop Bald Peak on Hovey Road and the town could use your help to open it up for hiking.

To learn more, attend the organizational meeting or visit the Town of Monson website, monson-ma.gov.

S.O.N.G. Inc. plans family friendly music festival, Sept. 18

BRIMFIELD — Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, known as S.O.N.G. Inc., presents "S.O.N.G.STOCK 2021" on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Brimfield Winery & Cider, 35 Main St., in Brimfield.

"S.O.N.G.STOCK 2021" is a family friendly music festival to benefit orphaned children in the United States, as well as internationally. This event features live music all day by Secret Sage, The Otters, The Lisa Martin Band, Paul Sticca & AcousticeA, and Peter J. Newland and RadioX.

S.O.N.G. Inc.'s goal is to benefit orphaned children by providing them with access to clean water, proper nourishment, educational and skill development opportunities, better healthcare, and special holiday joy. Since 1999, S.O.N.G. Inc. has provided care and support to orphaned children. S.O.N.G. Inc. is an all-volunteer, nonprofit charitable organization and 100% of the proceeds from this festival will go

to benefit orphaned children.

Open Mic: S.O.N.G. Inc. will be providing opportunities for individual singers/songwriters to come and perform their talents on stage during the day. There will be 10-minute time slots available. Time slots will be awarded to the first come, first completed registrations. Prizes will be awarded to the top three performances, which will be determined by a panel of judges. To register, please send a short video in an email to: info@supportingorphans.org

Other attractions at the festival include great food by Hanna Devine's in Ware. Locally-crafted wine from Brimfield Winery, as well as locally crafted beer, will be available. Fun family activities include a pie-eating contest, sack races, a bounce house and face painting to name a few. S.O.N.G. Inc. will also feature a silent auction with sports memorabilia, collectibles, original paintings, and other donated items. There will

also be a "Rooski Raffle" (like a penny raffle!)

Tickets for S.O.N.G.'s annual raffle featuring a chance to Win an all-expense-paid trip for two to Red Sox Spring Training in March of 2022 will be available.

Formerly named "Socks For Siberia," this all-volunteer organization has provided support to thousands of orphaned children, including food so they have proper nutrition, clothing, educational and vocational materials, athletic and recreational equipment, health and transitional seminars, respite care, therapeutic programs and equipment, and much more.

Event tickets may be purchased directly from S.O.N.G. Inc. by emailing info@supportingorphans.org, or by calling 413-813-8100. Tickets are also available through eventbrite.com. Search in "Brimfield, MA"....."song-stock2021".

Please come and be a hero for orphaned children.

Compost dates/times in Palmer

The following schedule will provide dates the compost area off of Old Warren Road in Palmer will be opened to allow town residents to drop off grass clippings and leaves during spring and summer months. Place lawn debris in brown paper bags, (no plastic bags allowed) and do not leave bags up against the locked gate. The town asks that you also practice social distancing.

Saturday, Sept. 18	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 19	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 16	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 17	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 24	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 7	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 13	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 14	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 20	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 21	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Town insurance meeting Sept. 8

PALMER — The Palmer Insurance Advisory Committee will hold a meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in the Council Committee Room in Palmer Town Hall. This is a meeting that is of interest to former and current town employees.

Representatives from three health insurance companies will present their plans for both retirees and active Employees.



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Learn to attract ‘backyard beneficals’ this fall

MONSON — A course on attracting birds, butterflies, bees and other backyard “beneficals” will be offered by naturalist and landscaper John Root 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 at the Glendale-Monson Methodist Church, 162 Main Street in Monson.

This comprehensive PowerPoint presentation describes the essential roles played by birds, pollinators, and other beneficial wildlife and provides guidance on meeting their needs for food, cover, and water. A variety of plants that nourish these organisms throughout their lifecycles will be discussed, and organic methods for establishing wildlife habitat are also presented.

Perennials for edible landscaping and welcoming birds and pollinators will be offered for sale. Hosted by the Down to Earth Garden Club.

This program is supported in part by the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information, call the church at 413-267-3798.

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homeowners to know what they’re looking for and how to get everything tested so they have a proper evaluation.

Founder of the Connecticut Coalition Against Crumbling Basements, Tim Hiem, stood in front of the audience to speak about the importance of raising awareness on the dangers of pyrrhotite. Following the discovery of realizing he has a crumbling foundation on July 22, 2015, he organized the CCAC to further raise awareness of the issue.

“The emotional impact that this takes on a family is indescribable,” Heim said.

“I tried to forget the many sleepless nights, starting at the ceiling, wondering where I was going to get \$200,000 to fix something that wasn’t my fault.”

Heim said he encourages more Massachusetts legislators to get behind the cause and urged local residents to speak up.

“This is not acceptable,” Heim said.

“You need to call, send emails, use social media and get each and every one of them involved.”

Concluding the forum, Loglisci thanked Gobi and Ashe for their support and encouraged residents to help get Gobi’s bill, “An Act Relative to Crumbling Concrete Foundations,” approved.

“They can’t do it alone,” Loglisci said. “We’re the ones who need it pass, so let’s all work together and get it done.”

This bill is currently waiting for a hearing by the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. To ask for a hearing to be held on the bill, S548, in September, email Becca.Rausch@masenate.gov and Carolyn.Dykema@mahouse.gov.

For more information on MARCF, visit mass-racf.com.

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HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

New activities and menus for September!

HOLLAND — The Holland Community Center at 40 Brimfield Road offers fun, educational, and life-enriching activities for all ages. There are nutritious, homemade meals as well. Here’s a look at what’s going on:

Here’s the weekly lineup and upcoming special events:

Every Monday
Mah Jongg – 10:15 a.m.
Take out Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
Lunch – noon
Texas Hold’em – 4:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday
Crafters Social – 10:30 a.m.
Dominoes – 10:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday
Mix it Up – 10 a.m.
Take out Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
Lunch – noon
Mah Jongg – 1 p.m.

Every Thursday
Food Drive – 11 a.m.
Cribbage – 12:15 p.m.
Pitch – 5 p.m.
Yoga – 6 p.m.

Dominoes – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Did you play dominoes as a kid?

Have you heard of the Mexican Train version? We are playing every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. If you’ve played before, or you’re new to the game, it won’t matter. We have lots of fun. We just learned about an app for counting the dots so you can play using dots, or using numbers, whichever you prefer. We already have a few new players and they’re having a good time. RSVP encouraged but walk-ins allowed.

Helping Wales Community Pantry
We are still collecting food for the Wales Community Pantry. The Pantry serves the residents of Holland, Wales, and Brimfield. They need peanut butter, jelly, Spam, cereal, and other nonperishable goods. You can drop off food anytime or day the Center is open. Monetary Donations can be made out to Wales Community Pantry. Monetary Donations help the Pantry to order fresh meats and produce.

Need pet food?

Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow has been very generous helping the residents of Holland and other towns by bringing dog and cat food here each week. If you need some for your animals, please stop by any time we are open.

Hungry?

You can dine-in or take out meals on Mondays and Wednesdays. Take out Pick up is 11:45 a.m.-noon. Dine-in is at noon. A \$3 donation RSVP required. Due to a wonderful donation from the Holland Council on Aging, any Holland senior resident will be able to get their lunch for a \$3 suggested donation. * For a \$5 suggested donation you will get the entrée, a side and dessert. All ages are welcome to order.

September menu:

Sept. 6 – Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 8 – Italian Stew Burgers
Sept. 13 – Tuna Melts & Tomato Soup
Sept. 15 – Spanish Rice & Pork Shoulder
Sept. 20 – Flat Bread Pizza
Sept. 22 – Chicken and Dumplings
Sept. 27 – Spaghetti and Meatballs
Sept. 29 – Grilled Chicken Salads

Note: The reservation needs to be in by the Thursday the week before so Rose will have ample time to get ingredients. Unfortunately, unlike some other centers, we do not have access to a food bank or commodities monthly, so the prices are higher for many items at

Sign up for annual Monson ‘town’wide” tag sale

MONSON — There’s still time to register as a seller for the First Church of Monson’s annual Town-Wide Tag Sale scheduled for 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4.

“This year’s event promises to be better than ever with residents having had the time to clean out basements, attics, and garages,” Carolyn Horacek, one of the organizers, said.

In past years, there have been more than 100 sites across town available for bargain hunters of all

sorts, including furniture, antiques, clothing, jewelry, and anything else under the sun, Horacek said.

Prospective sellers can buy a “star” to put on their front lawn with a number corresponding to a location on a map. To apply, visit firstchurchmonson.org, click on the “Town-Wide Tag Sale” logo, and fill out and submit the form online. The cost has remained the same, at \$10 for individual sites and \$25 for multiple family sites.

As per other years, advertising booklets and a much improved and

detailed map will be available for sale at several locations in town, including at the First Church parking lot on High Street and in front of Memorial Hall on Main Street. The cost is \$5 and “well worth it to see where all the bargains will be,” Horacek said.

“To add to the party atmosphere, a barbeque will be running during the day starting at 11 a.m. in the church parking lot. Previous year’s food offerings have been both yummy and affordable,” she said.

PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

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The Town of Palmer has a current Councilor (At-Large) vacancy on the Town Council that the remaining Councilors will vote to fill at a meeting in October 2021. The term of the appointment will be until 6/30/2022. The Council President is requesting that any residents interested in being considered for this vacancy submit a letter of interest to:
Town Manager, 4417 Main St., Palmer MA 01069 by 4:30pm on October 1, 2021

School Committee Vacancy

The Town of Palmer has a current School Committee vacancy on the Palmer Public School Committee that the Town Councilors and remaining School Committee members will vote to fill at a joint meeting in October 2021. The term of the appointment will be until 6/30/2022. The Council President is requesting that any residents interested in being considered for this vacancy submit a letter of interest to:
Town Manager, 4417 Main St., Palmer MA 01069 by 4:30pm on October 1, 2021.

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Required Qualifications & Skills

- Ability to work in a team environment; Proven ability to work independently with minimal supervision; Must be flexible regarding scheduling based on business demands; Successful completions of background check; Willingness to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and/or Holidays as needed

Physical requirements:

- Able to lift up to 50 lbs.; Able to push/pull up to 50 lbs.; Able to bend, stretch, and twist; Able to stand for long periods of time; Able to climb multiple flights of stairs on daily basis and walk frequently; Able to work with chemicals according to directions

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Viewpoints

Getting REAL back-to-school basics

Does summertime brake to a screeching halt when flip-flops are replaced by new sneaker squeaks? Or, when lazy mornings no longer exist and are switched to frenzied moments of getting to school on time?

Getting REAL back-to-school basics is a prerequisite for every student and all those involved in their educational experiences.

Back-to-school shopping preschool through college years requires thrifty spending even for the very basic supplies. Toddlers to teens stash their backpacks and lockers, while teachers and staff equip their desks, restock their inventory in anticipation of new and returning students. Also, with the resurgence of COVID-19 variants, face masks are part of the requirements – and hand sanitizers are essential – at least for now.

Over the years, every parent or guardian may have experienced a “wage of the wills.”

When shopping with a young pre-teen miss: “I gotta have it!”

“Have what? Where’s the rest of it?”

Or the classic, shocking surprise when the young man needs new jeans:

“But your new school jeans fit last week!”

“They’re ancient history. I’m taller.”

Then again, when buying traditional school items like notebooks, subject dividers, pocket folders, pencils, pens, magic markers and the all-important erases, once in a while there are sibling surprises:

“Can you reach that big three-ring-binder for my favorite subject?”

“Sure. Why the big one? What’s the topic?”

“RECESS!”

Amid gasps and giggles the purchasing is almost over and the checklist is nearly completed.

School and annual calendars are strategic for keeping events, schedules and students, parents and teachers all on the same page.

Glue is another staple supply. Not only does it help all ages keep things together, but it really helps prevent completely falling apart when those same parents, years later, send the student off to college.

Composition or spiral bound books are a mainstay for note taking and essays. Often these written expressions become treasured keepsakes.

A ruler is another important school item. Its measurements give guidelines to accurate lengths. However, one of the most important day-to-day rulers, to keep in mind during our educational experiences is “The Golden Rule,” recorded by Luke, a well-known, historical physician of great testament: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Also, getting REAL back to school basics can be as simple as “Respect Education And Learn.”

Let’s get REAL!

GUEST COLUMNIST



JOAN E. B. COOMBS



September tasks to set the stage

With the unofficial end of summer just a few short days away it’s time to begin to prepare for winter. Yes, winter! There are a number of things that you can do now to ease its blow and set the stage for a wonderful garden next year! Here is a refresher of a few things that always appear on my “to do” list; perhaps they will show up on yours as well.

Order spring flowering bulbs now. For the widest array of tulips, daffodils, crocus and the like, consider making your selection from a mail order company. Most have great web sites, offering photos of pretty much everything they sell. Your bulbs will arrive in about a month- the perfect time for planting! We get them into the soil prior to the ground freezing so that they will have a chance to send out roots, perfect little anchors for winter heave/thaw cycles. Once spring comes it is all about flowering. Yippee- a welcome sign that brighter days lie ahead!

Cure squash and pumpkins well prior to storage. Give your cucurbits a couple of weeks in the sun up off of the ground before you bring them indoors. This will harden the vegetable’s skin and improve its longevity. If temperatures dip below fifty degrees at night consistently, find a dry, sunny spot inside to complete their curing, otherwise chilling injury may occur. It’s also important to remove them from the garden if bugs or disease threaten. Once curing is complete, store squash and pumpkins where there is good air circulation and where temperatures stay around fifty to sixty degrees, with relative humidity between fifty and seventy percent. Under these conditions most will last eight to 12 weeks depending on variety.

Dig up tender plants. Did you buy rosemary, bay tree, lemon verbena, French lavender or scented geraniums

this spring? If you did, it’s the perfect time to dig them up and start acclimatizing them to the indoors. Unfortunately, not one of these favored herbs is winter hardy in our area. I usually get them out of the ground once frost threatens, and will bring them inside overnight and

back outside during the day for a few weeks until it gets too cold. From that point most of them will thrive in a bright but cool room of the house. Don’t be surprised if the lemon verbena loses its leaves soon after you pot it up or that the French lavender doesn’t look all that zippy during the winter- both are normal responses. New leaves will sprout and luster will return come March. Instead of digging tender plants up, some folks prefer to take cuttings. During the rooting process, mist a few times a day to prevent wilting. You will have especially good luck rooting scented geraniums, it should take just about a month.

Plant some autumnal color. Mums and kale are at their peak at local garden centers now. Use them to fill in places in the border where annuals have gone by, or, fill a container or two for a quick burst of fall at your front door. Die-hard gardeners have no problem staving off the onset of winter with a last minute plant installation. With careful watering and some good luck, the mums may even return to the garden next season- just as we will. Enjoy the crisp, cool days ahead.

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IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

Letters to the Editor

Support voting rights

Liz Cheney has been “sucking up” to “The Donald” for four years. When she volunteered tube on the committee to investigate the Jan. 6 riot on the Capitol, I thought that she had finally gotten a backbone.

I guess I was wrong as she voted against the voting rights bill along with her fellow Trumpsters. I guess people never really change.

I wonder if Republicans will ever discover honor, integrity or honesty.

David Bishop
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Lessons from 9/11 that Congress could learn

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

Most Americans alive 20 years ago remember where they were on Sept. 11, 2001. They remember the airplane hijackings, the attacks and the collapse of the Twin Towers. They remember the nearly 3,000 who perished.

As our nation refocuses on that searing event, it will be tempting to pay attention to the lessons we’ve learned in the decades since when it comes to dealing with foreign threats and to homeland security. These are, of course, crucial. But in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, we also learned some important lessons about Congress, and how it works, and about the benefits to the country of a truly bipartisan approach to difficult issues.

I say this because I was honored to serve as the vice chair of the 9/11 Commission, along with former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean. Over 18 months, we reviewed more than 2.5 million pages of documents and conducted 1,200 interviews. We sought to be independent, impartial, thorough, and non-partisan, and joined our Commission colleagues, equal in number from both sides of the aisle, in issuing a bipartisan, unanimous report.

During that inquiry we learned many lessons that are still valid today. We learned, for instance, that there’s a thirst for accountability in this country. Americans expect their country to work and they’re disappointed when it does not. They react negatively when bureaucrats say, “Trust us.” This is why we pursued our inquiry in an open manner, not behind closed doors. Transparency helped the public gain confidence in our work.

We also learned the necessity of pursuing consensus. Without a unanimous report, our effort would have failed. Bipartisanship in national security, we found, is essential.

There’s no question that the specifics the Commission recommended—a Director of National Intelligence, to pull together the work of the country’s 16 intelligence agencies, and a National Counter Terrorism Center whose analysts work together to connect the dots and prevent future attack shave made a difference. Though there have been lapses, intelligence and law enforcement have disrupted scores of plots. Our aircraft and borders are more secure. Our military eliminated the leadership of Al Qaeda and ISIS and decimated their capabilities. The institutions created after 9/11 have made us safer.

Yet the challenges ahead are many—and, notably, many of them involve Congress. A major unfinished recommendation from the 9/11 Commission is changing how Capitol Hill works. Because the Commission recommended the creation of powerful executive-branch institutions, it also recommended powerful congressional committees to serve as watchdogs. Instead, DHS still reports to dozens of oversight committees. Agency leaders spend precious time before them and receive muddled guidance. When everybody is in charge, nobody is in charge.

The challenge of domestic terrorism also requires strong government powers checked by rigorous oversight. The Justice Department and the FBI must lead the effort against domestic terrorism, carefully monitored by watchdogs, above all Congress and the courts.

The United States has also fallen short in addressing the upstream causes of terrorism. Our military and intelligence services are superb at finding, tracking, and eliminating terrorists. Yet it is easier to destroy threats than to rebuild societies. Prevention is less costly than military intervention, but it requires time and patient effort.

Looking beyond the report, the threat to our information networks demands focused congressional action. Ransomware and cyberattacks are with us daily. These threats to our security and prosperity are urgent. No one wants to read some future commission report about our collective “failure of imagination” to address the cyber threat when its dangers have been in plain sight for years.

Perhaps most notably, the most important lesson of the 9/11 Commission involved the absolute and central importance of bipartisanship. None of what followed its report would have been possible without it. We cannot address our country’s problems unless we work together.

The experience of the 9/11 Commission and the nation’s experience rallying together after the attacks shows that this is not a pipe dream, though it will be up to Americans and their leaders to determine whether it becomes reality. I’m optimistic that our system of self-government can rise to meet the challenges before us, but it will take the kind of bipartisan determination that the 9/11 attacks awakened.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Does paying Social Security tax now increase benefits?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I started drawing my benefits at age 62 due to being laid off from my job at age 60. I have continued working part time and been paying Social Security and Medicare taxes ever since. I am now 66. I have been told that even though I continue to pay these taxes, it will not help increase my monthly Social Security benefit. Is that true? Signed: Working Beneficiary

Dear Working Beneficiary: Paying into Social Security and Medicare through “FICA” taxes withheld from your paycheck doesn’t change your Social Security benefit amount. Those taxes aren’t held in a separate personal account for you; rather they are used to pay benefits to all those who currently collect Social Security benefits, and to help offset healthcare costs for current Medicare enrollees.

From its inception decades ago, Social Security has been a “pay as you go” system where all those working help pay for all those currently collecting benefits. And if you happen to work even after you start collecting Social Security benefits, the FICA tax you pay still goes to help pay benefits for you and for millions of others also collecting Social Security.

Of the 7.65% FICA tax you pay, 6.2% goes to Social Security and 1.45% helps fund Medicare (your employer pays the same amounts). The 6.2% tax you pay to Social Security isn’t deposited into a personal account that determines your benefit payment. Instead, your benefit is determined using your earnings record for the 35 years over your lifetime in which you earned the most (with early years adjusted for inflation). Your average earnings in those 35 years are what determines your benefit amount, not how much you paid in FICA tax.

Thus, continuing to pay FICA taxes be-

cause you are still working won’t affect your Social Security benefit amount. And because of the way the program is structured, you don’t need to worry about how much you contributed to Social Security in taxes; you will continue to receive Social Security for as long as there are people working and contributing to the program (for the rest of your life) - those now working pay for Social Security benefits now being paid.

What could, however, affect your personal Social Security benefit amount now is your earnings level while working. Even after you start collecting Social Security benefits, if your current earnings from work are more than any of those in the 35 inflation-adjusted years used to originally compute your benefit, that benefit will be recomputed and increased as appropriate. And just in case you’re wondering, studies have shown that, on average, Social Security beneficiaries usually recover everything they paid into the system within about five years.

Said another way, over your lifetime you’ll almost certainly get back much more in benefits than you paid in FICA Social Security taxes. The paycheck time is more for those who are self-employed (because they must pay both employee and employer portions of FICA), but Social Security is, nevertheless, a pretty good deal which pays a guaranteed retirement benefit for as long as you live after benefits start.

So, what you were told is correct. Paying FICA taxes now won’t help increase your monthly benefit amount. But high earnings now, which are more than any in those 35 inflation-adjusted years used to compute your Social Security benefit, will.

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When I Was

By Patrick Duquette

When I was twelve,
I wanted to be a Cowboy.

When I was sixteen,
I wanted to be a Poet.

When I was nineteen,
I married my Forever Love.

When I was twenty,
I went to work at a Chemical Plant.

When I was twenty-four,
We had two Beautiful Daughters.

When I was sixty-four, We had three Beautiful Granddaughters.

When I was seventy-one, I recited four of my poems at a Coffee House charity event in Monson, Massachusetts.

About the author: Patrick Duquette is a poet, writer, and historian and resides in Monson.



Turley Publications staff photos by Paula Ouimette
Karen Goudey, of Ware, shares a moment with Ozzy before lining up.



Ozzy, a rescue dog that came from Tennessee, celebrated the one-year anniversary of his "gotcha" day with his grandmother, Jennifer Gagnon of Springfield. Ozzy's mom, Julianne Gagnon ran in the Running Out of Summer 5K to support Second Chance Animal Services. Jennifer's own dog, Tico, received surgical services through one of Second Chance's veterinary hospitals.



This pug finished the 5K in an impressive time of 35:59 along with his human counterparts, Eli Goudreau and Abigail Sidur, both of Ware

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Jennifer Blotniski, of Holland, finished strong with her husky.



Participants and their families enjoyed some post-race snacks and beverages.



Wendy Dziemian, of Cherry Valley, sports a race shirt from a past Running Out of Summer 5K.



Kristen Bock, of Ware, sprinted toward the finish line.

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kids love it and they start a new genre or author they like and other times they don't like it," Kennedy said. "The best meetings are when they don't like it, because they have so much more to say."

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STRONGER TOGETHER

Love and powerlifting binds this local couple

By Diane Kane
Correspondent

"Finding oneself and one's path is like waking up on a foggy day. Be patient, and presently the fog will clear, and that which has always been there can be seen. The path is already there to follow."

— Rasheed Ogunlaru

MONSON — Opening up to possibilities can lead to new and exciting experiences.

Amanda Martin, 25, grew up in Monson. Her life path has taken many twists and turns, but Amanda always moves forward. Her story is one of spirit and inspiration for other young people wondering what the future holds for them.

Amanda attended Tantasqua Regional High School and Springfield Technical Community College, where she earned a degree in A.S Respiratory Care. Eventually, Amanda's educational journey led her to transfer to Westfield State, where she majored in business for a semester with hopes of playing basketball, her high school sport.

"Due to the timing of my transfer, I couldn't officially step on the court in a scheduled game until the upcoming season," she said.

"However, I was able to practice, scrimmage, and play summer league with the team."

Amanda always thought the basketball court was where she belonged, but something didn't seem quite right.

"I didn't feel as though I was fitting in, and that in some ways, I was only doing what I had conditioned myself to do," Amanda confided.

"I didn't have a close group of friends. But I was fortunate to be attending college with my boyfriend, Ryan."

Ryan, a powerlifter and trainer, noticed Amanda's struggle.

"He encouraged me to try powerlifting," she said.

"He had been training for two years. I had some experience lifting weights from high school in a gym class as 'sports/fitness.' I saw how it could help improve my athletic experience all around in basketball and softball." Amanda had not pumped any iron for some time and wasn't sure she wanted to devote the necessary time com-



Courtesy photos

Amanda Martin, who can squat more than 600 pounds, trains for a powerlifting competition.

petitive powerlifting. But she was feeling a little lost so, she decided to say yes to something new.

"Two weeks into training, I had signed up for my first competition."

When the semester ended, Amanda transferred to Springfield Technical Community College.

"I always wanted to work in healthcare but never felt confident enough in myself," she said.

"But if there's one thing powerlifting has taught me, it's that you never truly know what you are capable of."

Amanda was reminded of this again at the beginning of the COVID pandemic.

"I started at Massachusetts General Hospital as a student respiratory therapist during my last semester of school at STCC in April of 2020 during the pandemic. I worked nights at MGH, had class during the day, and worked another job as well, all while training for powerlifting."

Where does Amanda find the inner strength to power on?

"My inspiration is more or less drawn from past and future versions of myself," she said.

"I've been faced with many instances of turmoil and difficult situations throughout life where being strong was more of an

expectation I had of myself rather than a choice. Beginning powerlifting gave me a chance to be strong physically, and it was one of the greatest choices I've ever made."

Amanda said she owes it to herself "to be the best version of me that I can be whether that means in the gym, competing, helping others compete/train, or being a respiratory therapist."

She has found that she genuinely loves doing things that she had previously convinced herself to be impossible. "My family and friends are supportive and give me light on my toughest days," she said.

When Amanda asked Ryan to start coaching her, it was understood that they both would learn together.

"I would be learning the lifts, and he would be learning to program and coach," she said.

"Seeing him light up with an idea for a program or a path for my goals is reassuring and motivating. He does everything from writing my program to calming my nerves at national competitions."

Ryan has been coaching Amanda for over five years.

"Knowing that someone believes in you can take you so far, and if you listen enough and surround yourself with people who believe in you, like Ryan, my fami-



Student, health care professional and powerlifter Amanda Martin, a Monson native, tried something new and now she couldn't be happier, she said.

ly, and my friends, you begin to believe in yourself," Amanda said.

She said she loves seeing other young women doing what they love without the fear of holding back and achieving goals that seem impossible.

Powerlifting is a sport consisting of three lifts: Squat, Bench Press, and Deadlift.

"In powerlifting, we get three attempts at each lift. There are different federations. I compete in the USA Powerlifting – the USAPL – a drug tested/drug-free organization that hosts local, state, regional and national level meets."

Amanda admits it isn't easy.

"While working in healthcare, powerlifting can seem like the most demanding part of my week simply because sometimes the hardest part is training after a tough

13-hour shift and an hour drive home," she said.

"Other times, it's facing failure and adversity."

In 2018, Amanda trained hard and flew across the country for a competition. Unfortunately, the night before the competition, her family home caught fire.

"The next day, I competed and didn't (complete) any attempts – known to other powerlifters as a 'bomb-out.' Though situations like this can be difficult, they only make me better."

Amanda has had an impressive powerlifting career so far.

Her best numbers are 607 pounds in the squat; bench-pressing 281 pounds, and deadlifting 518pounds while competing in the open division of the 185 and over weight class. She's finding success.

"I recently competed at 2021 USAPL raw nationals in Daytona Beach and took second place," Amanda said.

Amanda always looks forward. "Ultimately, I would love to be invited to the national team to compete at a world championship," she said.

"I plan to keep training and I have faith someday we could be there."

She also plans to continue to work as a respiratory therapist and try to find small ways to incorporate what she loves with her professional career.

Home is close to Amanda's heart. "During the pandemic, Ryan and I moved from Brimfield (where he lived) and Monson to Worcester to be closer to work and school," Amanda said.

"We miss being close to our families, no traffic and small-town back roads, and being able to frequent small businesses!"

Amanda wants to send the message to young girls and women that weight training and powerlifting is for everyone.

"The outdated stigma that women should not be doing this (powerlifting/lifting weights) or the look people give you when you share your goals can be intimidating," she said.

"But it's about me and what I do, and it's never really been about anyone else. There are few things I find difficult while doing what I love."



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Lake association to hold 8th annual Paddle Poker Run

BROOKFIELD, STURBRIDGE, EAST BROOKFIELD - The Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association will hold its eighth annual Paddle Poker Run on Saturday, Sept. 11, with registration open to the general public starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Lake Quaboag (North Pond) boat launch. Co-Chairs for this year's event are QQLA Co-President, Bill Seabourne and member Randy Weiss.

Participants may compete in kayaks, canoes, row boats or on paddle boards; any vessel that may be paddled or rowed. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The poker run competition begins at noon and ends at 4 p.m. at the Quaboag boat ramp. The entrance fee is \$20 per poker hand. There is no limit to the number of poker hands a paddler may play.

Paddlers will pick up one playing card at each of five dock locations around the lake and return to the boat ramp with a five-card poker hand. Upon returning to the boat launch, players may attempt to improve their hand by trading individual cards for an additional cost. At the end of play, the top hand will win the grand prize of \$250. Several other prizes will also be awarded including a substantial prize for the player with the worst hand.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the efforts of QQLA, a volunteer, nonprofit organization of nearly 200 member families dedicated to preserving and protecting the quality of Lake Quaboag and Lake Quacumquasit and the surrounding watershed through the promotion of responsible, effective environmental policies. Better known as North (Quaboag) and South (Quacumquasit) Ponds, the lakes are located in Brookfield, East Brookfield and Sturbridge.

For more information about QQLA go to website at QQLA.org or its Facebook Page at Facebook.com/QQLA.org





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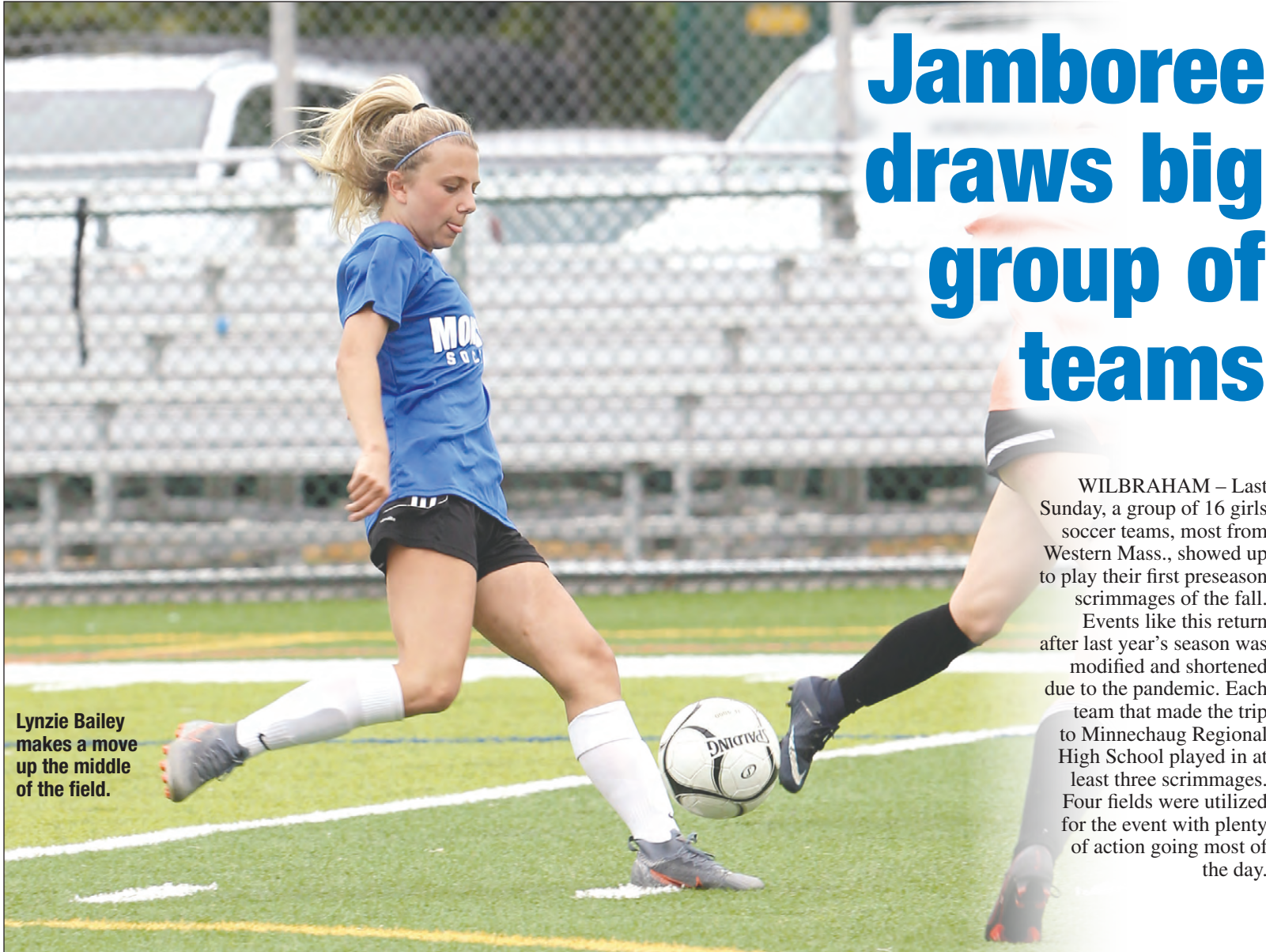
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SOCCER



Jamboree draws big group of teams

Lynzie Bailey makes a move up the middle of the field.

WILBRAHAM – Last Sunday, a group of 16 girls soccer teams, most from Western Mass., showed up to play their first preseason scrimmages of the fall. Events like this return after last year's season was modified and shortened due to the pandemic. Each team that made the trip to Minnechaug Regional High School played in at least three scrimmages. Four fields were utilized for the event with plenty of action going most of the day.

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Ava Denault kicks the ball away for Palmer.



Monson's Rylee Bonneau tries to kick the ball by a pair of opponents.



Maddie Theriault tangles with an Agawam player.



Loretta Petrashewicz is pursued by the Agawam defense.



Gwen Duggan chases down a loose ball.

MIAA

Mask mandate imposed for school sports

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – As a result of the change in policy by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, masks are now required for indoor spaces in public schools in the state.

The change in policy also applies to high school sports and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has announced the requirements of masks in indoor situations for all fall sports for as long as the mask mandate is in effect.

The biggest changes for athletes are for "any activity for student-athletes and coaches who are indoors."

This means masks are expected to be worn by athletes for any indoor practices and games as well as any meetings that take place.

The biggest impact will be seen on the volleyball courts and on the gymnastics floors.

Volleyball games, for the second straight fall, will be played with full masks on. However, unlike last year, there will not be any other major gameplay changes.

The policy also applies to officials, coaches, and spectators. The fortunate news is that there are now distancing requirements or capacity limits for volleyball or gymnastics matches.

Last year's fall sports had several modifications to the games to limit the potential spread of the virus through germs and sweat on gameplay equipment. With

volleyball last season, the balls was cycled out after every volley. Sideline personnel would sanitize the balls and cycle them back into play. In soccer, mainstays like headballs and throw-ins were not allowed.

All rule modifications were rescinded and fall sports were originally expected to be played normally.

Currently, fall sports played outdoors will be played under normal rules and normal conditions. Masks also will not be required outdoors, however, they will be optional, and up to certain schools, coaches, and teams.

It remains to be seen how mask mandates in certain towns will be handled between schools. For example, the City of Northampton has invoked a mask mandate which includes situations where social distancing is not possible outdoors. No announcements have been made about schools that visit Northampton and whether or not their athletes will be required to wear masks in all situations due to the close contact involved in sports like soccer and football.

The MIAA will revisit the mandate prior to Oct. 1 in conjunction with Riley's review of indoor school mandate.

With no capacity limits and thus road team fans allowed back at schools, people should be prepared for different rules in different towns. For more information on a specific school's rules, please check that school's website or with that school's athletic office.

BASEBALL

Eight is great: PeoplesBank wins playoff title



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
PeoplesBank has won their eighth straight playoff championship.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—The distance between Legion Field in Palmer and St. Joe's Field in Thorndike is only a couple of miles.

While Zach Handzel pitched in many baseball games at Legion Field when he was younger, the righthander had never started a game at St. Joe's Field, which is the home field of the St Joseph's Tri-County League team.

Handzel, who's currently a starting pitcher for Peoples Bank, hooked up with St. Joseph's righty Ryan Magni in an old fashion pitcher's duel in Game 2 of the best-of-three Tri-County League finals.

After his teammates gave him an early lead to protect, Handzel took care of the rest of the business, as top-seeded Peoples Bank captured the championship title for the eighth consecutive year

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AUTO RACING

O'Sullivan captures win in 50-lap finale

WINCHESTER, N.H.- Tommy O'Sullivan won the crown, Justin Beecher earned the belt, and Gordon Farnum, with his tenth win of the season, went where only five others have gone in 50 years. It all happened Saturday at Monadnock Speedway.

And, oh yes, Young Gun Dominick Stafford took his first career victory lap after wiring Saturday's novice feature race at the high-banked quarter-mile.

O'Sullivan stayed perfect on the summer with his fifth Street Stock victory in five 2021 runs, leading Beecher under the checkers in Saturday's 50-lap dual-title Street Stock main event. It netted the Wilbraham, Mass.blaster the Teddy Bear Pools Triple Crown title, while Beecher's strong night's



Submitted photo
Tom O'Sullivan won a 50-lap main event at Monadnock Speedway last weekend.

work earned him the NHSTRA Battle For The Belt series championship, one spot better than Dave Greenslit.

Justin Littlewood topped Sat-

urday's Late Model Sportsman feature, while Nick Houle scored Pure Stock victory number six

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BASEBALL

Twins win Valley Wheel Championship

EAST LONGMEADOW - Twins starter Todd Bergstrom was dominant on the mound for the Twins as he pitched a complete game while scattering nine hits and allowing only two runs. The Twins got the scoring started in the bottom of the first inning off of Angels starter Josh Catter. Bergstrom led off the inning with a single and scored on a two-out RBI single by Matt Cartwright. Cartwright then scored on a RBI double by Jorge Figueroa to make it 2 to 0. In the bottom of the second inning, the Twins extended their lead with two more runs. Geoff Oldmixon had a one out single and came around to score on a RBI single by Ken LePage. Don Edwards then scored on a sac fly to center field off the bat of



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The 2021 Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League Champion Twins.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Editor's note: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, events featured in the Journal Register, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled with little notice. The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in a Word doc or as email text – no PDFs, please – to mharrison@turley.com.

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BOOK SALE: Sept. 4, 2021, the Friends of the Monson Free Library will be holding their annual used book sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the DeSantis Community Room at the Monson Free Library, 2 High Street, Monson. Adult, young adult and children's books will be available for sale: \$1 per

hardcover; 50 cents per paperback; bring your own tote bag and fill for \$5. Proceeds will benefit programs at the Monson Free Library supported by the Friends. For inquiries, email friends.monsonfreelibrary@gmail.com.

SOON

BINGO: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will resume Friday night Bingo on Sept. 10 at the parish center on Thorndike Street. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. For changes in the format, go to acebook.com/St-ThomasTheApostlePalmerMA.

CHICKEN BBQ: 4:30-6 p.m. Sept. 11, at Monson-Glen-dale United Methodist Church at the corner of Main and Cushman.

Take-out and curbside pickup. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. To reserve plates, call 413-284-0238.

ANTIQUE SALE FUND-RAISER: Sturbridge and Fiskdale Senior Center is holding an antiques sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 9-10 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 11 at the center, 480 Main Street (Rt. 20) in Sturbridge. Sixty antique pieces, including chairs, desks, beds, bureaus, tables, cabinets, chest, rockers, high chair, sewing machine, lamps, dry sink, two Hitchcock chairs, trunk, milk can, couch, and many small items. Free admission. Handicapped accessible. Contact: Ken Benson, President, Friends of Sturbridge & Fiskdale at 774-230-3848 or krb0815@gmail.com.

AREA HISTORY: The next open house at the Old Meeting House Museum will feature history interpreter Dennis Picard as guest speaker in the garden of the Museum in the center of Wilbraham from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. The meeting is free and open to the public. The title of Picard's lecture is the very timely "Pox, Pus, and Creeping Miasma: Disease and Death in the Colonial New England". Known as an engaging speaker and well informed on New England history, his subject will remind New Englanders that we have to live with death and disease now, with COVID-19, just as we did in Colonial times. For more information about the open house contact admin@wilbrahamatheneum.org.

Bay State Games launches scholarship drive

REGION – The Bay State Games is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2021 Future Leaders Scholarship Program. This marks the thirty-third year of this valuable scholarship program that recognizes the leaders of tomorrow who excel in academics, community service, and athletics. The scholarship program is available to any Massachusetts high school student in the class of 2022. Due to the cancellation of

some sports in the 2021 Summer Games, participation in the Bay State Games is not required but is recommended. Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top applicants.

"The Future Leaders Scholarship Program was established in 1989 and Bay State Games is proud to have distributed over \$380,000 in scholarship funds to deserving Massachusetts high school students since its inception," says Kevin Cummings, Bay

State Games Executive Director. "Bay State Games Scholarship recipients are true leaders in the classroom, the community, and on the field of play, and we are pleased to be able to recognize their outstanding achievements."

Candidates must submit their application information online by Oct. 14. The selection process will begin with a review of each student's application, written recommendations, and transcripts. A number of students will then

be selected for virtual interviews which will be conducted the week of Nov. 8. At the conclusion of interviews, six statewide scholarship winners will be announced.

Additional information on the scholarship and a link to an application form can be found at www.baystategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

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and Lucas Leone topped the Pro Truck Series 55-lapper.

With both the Teddy Bear Pools Triple Crown Series and NHSTRA Street Stock Battle For The Belt Series up for grabs in Saturday's 50-lap main event, things were bound to be wild.

Tommy O'Sullivan, whose win a week earlier ran his unbeaten streak to four, drew the pole for Saturday's 50-lapper, surely bad news for the rest of the 25-car field. O'Sullivan entered the night's main event tied with his nephew, Chris Buffone, atop the Triple Crown points parade.

More drama? Justin Beecher and Dave Greenslit were deadlocked at number one in NHSTRA Belt points. Something had to give.

O'Sullivan led all the way to win his fifth of the summer and, with the victory, the Teddy Bear Pools crown. Buffone's bid ended along the frontchute wall on lap 30. Beecher held second the last 21 action-packed laps to edge Greenslit for the Belt title.

Greenslit got up for third on

the white flag lap but couldn't overhaul Beecher, and Hillary Renaud was impressive in fourth, just ahead of Claremont strongman Cody Schoolcraft.

Fitzwilliam Flyer Gordon Farnum won his tenth Mini Stock main of the summer but still went home second in the 2021 points race. Farnum took the lead from Bill Chaffee on lap six and never looked back.

Louie Maher stormed back from an opening-lap booboo to finish second and stay two points atop the championship leader board. Kevin Clayton's strong third-place finish was his second in as many weeks. Jake Puchalski, thumped on lap one, was masterful in charging back for fourth.

Ryan Currier led the first 20 go-rounds in the LMS feature, but it was Justin Littlewood taking the checkers five laps later with Currier in his shadow. Ryan Bell was strong in third, while Austin Brehio's fourth-place finish moved him atop the points parade, four markers ahead of Cam Curtis.

Nature Boy Nick Houle used the low line to pass JD Stockwell on lap 15 of the Pure Stock

55-lapper and then hold the teen charger in his shadow the rest of the way to earn his sixth victory of the summer.

Stockwell, who'd taken his first victory lap the night before at Claremont, finished second at Houle's bumper, with rock-solid Jason LeRay third. Chris Davis held on to his slim points lead by finishing fifth, just behind Kyle Robinson Newell.

In the night's first feature race, Dominick Stafford led all the way to score his career-first victory. He became the Young Gun's fourth different winner this year, taking the checkers ahead of Zach Zilinski and one-time winner Aaliyah Tacy.

Lucas Leone completed his sweep of three 2021 Pro Truck Series events, edging 13-year-old team-mate Devin Deshaies in the series' 55-lap feature. Veteran Duane Noll was bonked out of second on the final lap, coming home fourth behind Randy Burr.

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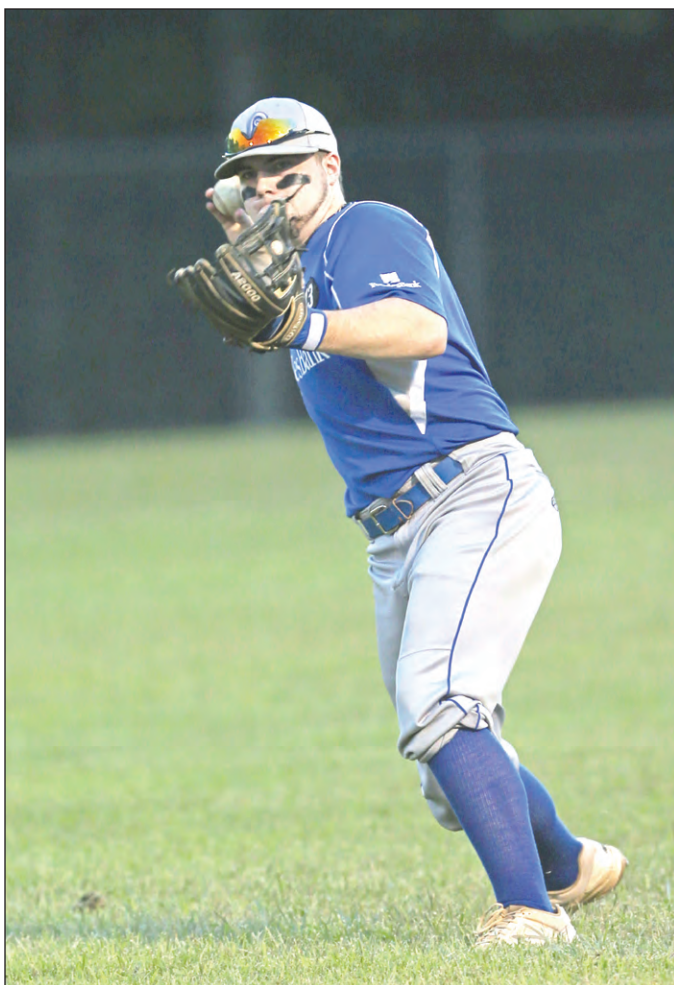
STREET STOCK (50-lap title race): Tommy O'Sullivan, Justin Beecher, Dave Greenslit, Hillary Renaud, Cody Schoolcraft, Nate Wenzel, Jason Kozacka, John Sousa, Joe Arena, Tim Wenzel.

LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN: Justin Littlewood, Ryan Currier, Ryan Bell, Austin Brehio, Haydon Scott, Cam Curtis, Phil Meany, Glen Brehio, Caleb Cashman, Nancy Muni-Ruot.

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PURE STOCK: Nick Houle, JD Stockwell, Jason Leray, Kyle Robinson Newell, Chris Davis, Kyle Templeton, Reagan Buffum, Damon Roy, Jimmy Zellman, Doug Cameron.

YOUNG GUNS: Dominick Stafford, Zach Zilinski, Aaliyah Tacy.



PeoplesBank's Devin Slattery, of Ware, throws to first from the shallow outfield.

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Steve Petig to make it 4-0 Twins. Once again, the Twins scored two runs in the bottom of the third. Cartwright and Figueroa had back-to-back one-out singles and both scored on a two run single by Matt Carona to give the Twins a 6-0 lead. Bergstrom cruised through the first six innings without giving up a run. In the top of the seventh, the Angels got on the board. Justin Morin hit a one out single and would score on an RBI single by Steve Scibelli to make it 6 to 1 Twins. In the top of the eighth the Angels again cut into the lead. Gary Perrault hit a double and scored on a RBI single from Catter. That would do it for the scoring however as Bergstrom was able to shut the door and end the game 6-2. The Twins are the 2021 Valley Wheel Champions.

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Athlete of the Week

Zach Handzel
Palmer

The Palmer native pitched PeoplesBank to a 1-0 win and the Tri-County League Playoff Championship last week. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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with an exciting 1-0 win before a large crowd last Wednesday night.

"I've lived in Palmer all of my life, but this was the first time that I've ever started a game on this field," said Handzel after taking a photo with his teammates following the game. "It was nice that my family didn't have to drive very far to watch me pitch in tonight's game. It also feels awesome to win another championship title with this team. It was just a great game."

Peoples Bank, who finished the regular season with a 14-3 record, has now won a total of 16 championship titles.

"We didn't get to play last year because of COVID but winning another championship title is a great way to cap off this season," said Peoples Bank player/manager Joe Ferry. "All of the players on this year's team are dedicated and that's what Peoples Bank baseball is all about."

The six Peoples Bank players who have been members of all eight championship teams are Tom Bouvier, Pete Hogan, Dave Clark, Andy Gaines, Danny Gaines, and Joe Ferry.

"After taking twenty months off because of COVID and picking up just where we left off, it says a lot about this team," said Bouvier, who started Game 2 in centerfield. "We really didn't hit the ball very well in the playoffs, but our pitchers pitched very well. Zach was a stud out there tonight."

Handzel and Ferry both graduated from Palmer High School. Ferry was also the Panthers junior varsity baseball team for several years and he coached Handzel when he was in the eighth grade.

"I helped Zach develop as a pitcher when he was in the eighth grade," Ferry said. "I told the varsity coach (Peter Farr) that Zach really should be pitching for his team. Zach pitched very well for the varsity team, and he also pitched in college. He's been a top pitcher for our team during the past couple of years."

Handzel allowed no runs on just three singles in his final start of the summer. He received plenty of support from the defense behind him.

"I can't say enough good things about how well the defense played behind me in tonight's game," Handzel said. "I always have a lot of faith that they're going to make every play. We really wanted to win tonight's game."

St. Joe's, who posted a 10-6 regular season record, also received an outstanding pitching performance from Magni in Game 2. He only allowed three base runners during the final six inning of the game.

"We played well and losing the game just feels terrible," said St. Joe's player/coach Jon Ferry, who's Joe's brother. "Ryan pitched a phe-

nomenal game tonight. That's what he's done all season long for us."

With one-out in the top of the first inning, Bouvier lined a single to left.

After the next batter struck out, designated hitter Alex Lafayette, who's from Ludlow, kept the inning alive with a single to center. After both runners advanced into scoring position on a wild pitch, Bouvier crossed the plate on another wild pitch that skipped between the catcher's legs.

"We played small ball in the first inning," said Bouvier, who was a member of the Ware varsity baseball team for three years. "When I was standing at third base, I noticed their pitcher was throwing low pitches. When I saw one hit the dirt, I just took off for home and was able to score. I never thought it would be the game winning run. St. Joe's always plays hard against us, and you can never count them out."

The only other base hits by Peoples Bank in Game 2 were singles by Clark (shortstop) in the third and Bouvier in the sixth. Right fielder Seth Allen drew a walk with two outs in the fourth inning.

St. Joe's first baseman Mike Wroth hit a pop-up caught by second baseman Devin Slattery in shallow center field leading off the bottom of the second. Then right fielder Will Kennedy walked before Handzel retired the next two batters.

The home team had a golden opportunity to take the lead four innings later.

Shortstop Greg Vourous served a single into right field leading off the bottom of the sixth inning. Then third baseman Brandon Magni put down a bunt to third. The third baseman's throw to first was off the mark moving both runners into scoring position.

With the infield drawn in, Handzel retired the next two batters on flair caught by Clark and a groundout to third baseman Sam Allen. After Wroth was intentionally walked, which loaded the bases, Kennedy hit a fly ball caught by Ferry in left field.

"When they loaded the bases, I just needed to do my job out there," Handzel said. "My teammates made the plays in that inning. It was a great feeling walking off the mound still having a 1-0 lead."

St. Joe's second baseman Joe Perlak began the bottom of the seventh inning with a single, but Handzel set down the next three batters on a groundout and a pair of strikeouts ending the ballgame and the championship series.

People won Game 1 by the final score of 4-3. Danny Gaines was the winning pitcher in Game 1 and Tom Weldon earned the save. Clark led Peoples Bank in that contest with two hits and he scored three runs.

St. Joe's was led in Game 1 by centerfielder Brian Hayes with three hits.

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The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

O B I T U A R I E S

Daniel R. Flowers, 65



WARE — Daniel R. Flowers, 65, passed away Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021. Daniel was born in Holyoke to William A. Flowers and Jean R. (Hoose) Rodich. He was a longtime Monson resident before moving to Ware. Dan served in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged after his years of service. He worked for many years at the Sturbridge Host Hotel as the managing supervisor.

While he lived in Monson he was a volunteer with the Monson Fire Department and a member of the Monson Glendale United Methodist Church. Dan enjoyed camping, boating spending time at the ocean and fishing. His great-

est joy was his children and grandchildren.

Daniel leaves his three daughters: Toni Flowers of Enfield, Conn., Jamie Flowers of Palmer, and Chrissy Flowers and her husband Eric of Ware; his mother, Jean R. Rodich of Monson; brothers William Flowers of Ware and Ronald Flowers of Palmer; a sister, Trudy Flowers of Monson; a step-sister, Kathy Stephens and her husband Doug; grandchildren Ethan Perkins, Mariah Rosa, Daniel McDonald-Flowers, Joselynn Flowers, Anna Lee, and Savannah



Lee;

Daniel was predeceased by his father William A. Flowers; his step father, Jack E. Rodich; and a brother, Ricky Flowers.

Visiting hours will be held Friday, Sept. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. with a service of remembrance and Military Honors being conducted at 7 p.m. to conclude the evening.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the family. For online condolences please visit lombardfuneralhome.com.

Hugh Graham, 92

MONSON — Hugh Graham, 92, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at Knollwood Nursing Center in Worcester.

He was born July 18, 1929, in Cambridge to John and Edna (Sullivan) Graham. On July 9, 1955, he married Phyllis Guilford of Adrian, Mich.

He is survived by Phyllis and their seven children: Martha, Hugh Jr., Mark, Steven, James, Matthew, and Peter and

their loving spouses; 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

He joins his brothers John and Eugene and his great-grandchild Leah La-Croix in the hereafter.

A Funeral Liturgy will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church 22 Green St Monson.

For additional information visit lombardfuneralhome.com.



James F. Kapinos, 69

James F. Kapinos born Oct. 5, 1951, in Ware, passed last Wednesday evening, Aug. 25, 2021, in his home after a hard-fought battle with Parkinson's.

Jim grew up in Three Rivers and graduated from Palmer High School in 1969. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who was admired by those that knew him for taking great pride in anything he did. James was a dedicated industrial boiler repairman at Blake Equipment for 36 years before retiring in 2018.

One of Jim's most favored roles in life was being a Dziadzui to his two granddaughters. He loved giving them tractor rides around his home, teaching them

how to fish, or cheering them on at their soccer games. Jim also enjoyed vacationing to Cape Cod with his family, boating, and cruises throughout Caribbean.

Jim is survived and will be forever missed by his loving wife Beverly (Pobieglo) of Belchertown; daughter Kelly and son-in-law Kevin Sacco of Hampden; son Josh and daughter-in-law Canyon Kapinos of Palmer; and his two granddaughters, Makenna and Kyla Sacco.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Mildred Ka-



pinos and brother, Ray Kapinos.

The family will be holding a private memorial celebration and appreciates the continued love and support from all throughout this trying time. Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

For those wishing, donations may be made in his memory to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

To share online condolences, visit beersandstory.com.

Harold D. King, 76

MONSON — Harold D. King, 76, passed away Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, in Hartford, Conn., surrounded by love of family.

Harold was born in Stafford Springs, Conn., June 1, 1945, to the late Burton and Selma King. He was a resident of Monson for most of his life. He was married to his beloved wife, Beverly M. (Clain) King for 49 years before her passing in 2014.

Harold owned and operated King Tool Company for over 30 years. He was a precision machinist and toolmaker, manufacturing specialty parts and tools. Harold enjoyed camping, hiking, and walking and would often walk several miles a day. He was always up for a card game (or any game for that matter) and corn hole competitions. He enjoyed traveling, going on several cruises and always booking a jet ski adventure.

In the most recent years he enjoyed spending the winter months in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Florida.

Harold was predeceased by his wife Beverly King. He leaves his loving daughters and their husbands Amy L. Kelley and Scott of Palmer, Kelly A. Farris and Ed of Canton, Ga., Missy C. Croteau and Scott of Pomfret Center, Conn., and Tammy M. Browne and Scott of Palmer; his grandchildren, Kristine Hougaard and Chris, Michael Kelley and Isabel, Alicia Mancini and Ethan, Beverly Farris, Amanda Croteau, David Croteau, Anthony Puleio, Brianna Browne, Jonathan Puleio, Courtney Allen, Tanner Browne; two great-grandchildren, Parker Hougaard and Killian Kelley; his sister in-law, Carol Wehr



of Monson; and his loving friend Mary Cowan, along with many extended family members and friends.

Visiting hours will be Friday, Sept. 3, with family and friends gathering at the funeral home beginning at 9 a.m. to form a funeral procession to St. Patrick's Church for Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Hampden.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution in Harold's name to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. For online condolences please visit lombardfuneralhome.com.

O B I T U A R I E S

MGySgt (Ret) Stephen Sylvester Kmiecik Jr.



Sept. 29, 1940 – Aug. 22, 2021

Stephen Sylvester Kmiecik Jr., 80, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021 after a short illness.

Steve was born in Northampton. He was the oldest child of the late Stephen Sylvester Kmiecik and Mary Morin Kmiecik.

Steve grew up in Palmer and graduated from Palmer High School. After high school he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served honorably from Dec. 1956 until retirement in March 1983 as a Master Gunnery Sergeant (Oorah). Tours of duty as a Marine included MCAS Cherry Point, where he met and married the love of his life, Alice Elaine Sands; MCAS Beaufort (twice); MCAS Yuma (twice); MCRD

Parris Island (twice); recruiting duty in Springfield and two tours in Vietnam.

He was very proud to be able to serve as Aircrew Crash Fire and Rescue, a Drill Instructor and Chief Drill Instructor. After retiring from the Marines, he started his second career with Eagle Fire Inc. as a Senior Fire Safety Inspector. He worked 25 years with them before retiring in 2008 and moving to Lake Panasoffkee, Fla. During retirement he enjoyed going to the local college baseball games, attending the annual Marine Corp Crash Crew reunions and USMC East Coast Drill Instructors Association reunions.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Stephen and Mary,



his wife "Elaine"; his brother Bobby and sister Mary. He leaves behind three sons: Stephen III (Karen), Johnathon (Kathy), and Frederick (Pam); eight grandchildren: Ryan, Kimberly, Craig, Jason, Travis, Christopher, Kylea

and Rachel Kmiecik; two great grandchildren, Ryder and Tegan Kmiecik-Menard; and a sister, Shirley Aubuchon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (Michael-jfox.org).

A memorial service will be held at Jacksonville National Cemetery on Oct. 22, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., 4083 Lannie Rd, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mary Ann (Bradlenksi) Malzenski, 97

PALMER — Mary Ann (Bradlenksi) Malzenski, 97, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, at her home in Palmer.

She was lovingly brought into this world on Dec. 4, 1923, by her late parents, John and Mary Katherine (Gula) Bradlenksi, both of Poland. She was a lifelong resident of Palmer where she went to school and later worked as a lunch lady in the Quaboag School of Palmer for over 25 years.

Affectionately known as "Mamie" by friends and family, she proudly served as Vice President, and later President, of the Palmer Senior Center where she enjoyed playing cards, Bingo, going to Foxwoods and Atlantic City. She was multi-talented, making beautiful stained glass artwork and later in life took much joy in color pencil artwork. Mary was also an avid bird

watcher and her favorite bird was the cardinal. She was a lover of all animals as well.

Mary was also known for having a "sweet tooth" and loved chocolate, never turning a piece of it away. Mary also loved eating shrimp and any Polish food that was served. She liked to watch westerns on TV and especially loved John Wayne and his pictures adorned the wall next to her favorite chair.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph John Malzenski Sr., in 1979. They were married Sept. 7, 1946. Mary was also predeceased by her sisters Pauline Santucci (husband, Albert) and Ann Koran (husband, Sam Sr.), and brother Edward Bradlenksi (wife, Jane). She is survived by her daughter, Tina



Raymond (husband, Richard), both of whom she lived with; her son, Joseph Malzenski (wife, Carol) of Wales; granddaughters Mary Mazur (husband, Anthony) of Ware and Emily Raymond of Ware; a grandson, Philip

Raymond of Three Rivers; her "granddog" Sophie and "grandcat" Jäger, both of who she enjoyed and loved very much. She also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Services will be private at the request of Mary and her family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's memory to Dakin Humane Society, 171 Union St. Springfield, MA 01105.

Visit beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to 414 calls and made eight arrests or summons for arrests Aug. 24-31. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Tuesday, Aug. 24

Demarco Abdiel Santana, 19, of 62 Chestnut St., Ware, was arrested at 1:58 a.m., on Silver Street in Monson, for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Wednesday, Aug. 25

Brando R. Santana, 30, of 65 North St., Three Rivers, was arrested at 9:53 p.m., on Silver Street in Monson, on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle; fail-

ing to stop for police; speeding rate of speed exceeding the posted limit and operating a motor vehicle.

Sunday, Aug. 29

Daniel Reed Hall, 35, of 5 Sunnysbrook Dr., Monson, was arrested at 2:05 a.m., in the area of Main Street and Central Street in Palmer, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation.

Monday, Aug. 30

Ashley M. Letner, 27 of 189 Breckenridge St., Palmer, was arrested at 11:07 p.m. on Breckenridge Street in Palmer, on charges of operating a motor vehicle lights violation; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

MONSON

The Monson Police Department responded to two arrests or summons for arrests Aug. 21-28. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Saturday, Aug. 21

Azanas Fernandez Santos-Neto, 29, of 4211 High St., Thorndike, was arrested at 12:02 p.m., on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; failing to stop for police; operating an uninsured motor vehicle; operating an unregistered motor vehicle; number plate violation to conceal ID and speeding rate of speed exceeding the posted limit.

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Public notices

The Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals (REVISED) LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s.11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing Thursday September 23, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. on the application Stephen and Terri Kacyannakis for a Special Permit as provided by section 3.3.2 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant is seeking a change to extend the pre-existing non-conforming use to operate an electrical contracting business located at 45 Bethany Road, Monson Map 113-037. The property is owned by 45 Bethany Road LLC, Daniel O'Connor. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and can be viewed during office hours. David Beaudoin, Chairman 09/02, 09/09/2021

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11 M.G.L., the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 20, at 7:00 PM** in the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA. The applicant, Jerzy Sejdera is seeking a site plan approval as allowed under section 171.29 to operate a tradesmen base of operations for a landscaping company located at 285 Wilbraham Street, Palmer MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 5, Lot 13-1

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Administrative Building from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>).

Michael Marciniac, Chairman 09/02, 09/09/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Gabriel D'

Arco, Roberta G. D' Arco to Citibank, Federal Savings Bank, dated August 23, 2004 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 14471, Page 456 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **5:00 PM on September 29, 2021**, on the mortgaged premises located at 62 Bradley Road, Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TOWIT: THE LAND IN MONSON, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. SEVENTEEN (17) AS SHOWN ON A PLAN RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK OF PLANS 316, PAGE 115; SAID LOT BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: EASTERLY BY BRADWAY ROAD, A TOTAL DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED THREE AND 67/100 (203.67) FEET; SOUTHERLY BY LOT NO. SIXTEEN (16) AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, THREE HUNDRED EIGHT AND 29/100 (308.29) FEET; WESTERLY BY REMAINING LAND OF MARY E. DAUGHTRY AND WARREN I. GRISWOLD, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 19/100 (195.19) FEET; AND NORTHERLY BY OWNERS OF LAST NAMED LAND, THREE HUNDRED FOUR AND 84/100 (304.84) FEET. MEANING AND INTENDING TO DESCRIBE THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE MORTGAGOR IN BOOK 11371, AT PAGE 162, DATED 10/13/00 AND RECORDED 10/13/00 IN THE HAMPDEN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Subject to a first mortgage dated November 21, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 13847, Page 222 in the original principal amount of \$143,934.00.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11371, Page 162.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record

which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

CITIBANK, N.A. S/B/M TO CFSB, N.A. F/K/A CITIBANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 14458

08/26, 09/02, 09/09/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of MA Gen. Laws, Chap. 255, Sec. 39A, the following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage charges due:

TOYOTA VIN:4T1BE32K34U265225 Robert Sanderson 6 1st St., Amesbury, MA; NISSAN VIN:3N1CB51D65L551343 Tre'von Gasque 147 Euclid Ave., Springfield, MA YAMAHA VIN:JYARJ06E34AD14784 Judson Picard 57 Ware Brook Village, Ware, MA HYUNDAI VIN:5NMSH13E77H041671 Francine Cavanaugh 62B Upper Palmer Rd., Monson, MA FORD VIN:1FTNE14W48DA9943 Isaac Augustus Brandes 17 Grove St., Apt. C, N. Adams, MA; CHEVY VIN:1GCCS194XW8225703 Stephen Demo 112 Romano Rd., South Portland, ME.

This auction is to take place on September 17, 2021 10:00 A.M. at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069.

09/02, 09/09, 09/16/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD21P1498EA

Estate of: ROBERT McKEE Date of Death: September 24, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner CANDICE L SWIATLOWSKI of Palmer, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

CANDICE L SWIATLOWSKI of Palmer, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

09/02/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD21C0198CA

In the matter of: Greyson Chance Merceri CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Greyson Chance Merceri of Brimfield, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Greyson Chance Moseley IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/21/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by

which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 24, 2021 Rosemary A Saccomani Register of Probate 09/02/2021

Town of Monson Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5, M.G.L., the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in Room 3, Town Administration Building 110 Main Street. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to amend the Monson Zoning Bylaws 3.1- Schedule of Use Regulations Table 1 to include the following: Municipal Dog Pound allowed in the Industrial (I) District permitted by SP-ZBA approval. A copy of the complete text of the proposed bylaw is on file with the Monson Town Clerk and the Planning Board.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairman Monson Planning Board 09/02, 09/02/2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David J. Pelletier and Judith L. Pelletier to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated April 20, 2001 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11598, Page 79 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B is the present holder by Assignment from Option One Mortgage Corporation to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B dated September 8, 2005 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 16152, Page 353, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 31 East Hill Road, Monson, MA 01057 will be sold at a Public Auction at **1:00 PM on September 28, 2021**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land together with the buildings thereon situated in Monson, said Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated at Lot #2 (two) as shown on a plan entitled "Property Survey for Abel Gomes," dated January 12, 1974, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 149, Pages 116 and 117, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows: SOUTHEASTERLY by the northwesterly side of East Hill Road as shown on said plan, (two hundred (200) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by the northeasterly side of an unnamed side of an unnamed street, as shown on said plan, three hundred (300) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by the southeasterly side of Lot #13 (thirteen) as shown on said plan, two hundred ten and 21/100 (210.21) feet; and NORTHEASTERLY by the southwesterly side of Lot #1 (one) as shown on said plan, three hundred forty-six and 33/100 (346.33) feet.

Containing 67,316 square feet, more or less. BEING the same premise conveyed to mortgagors herein by deed of David J. Salzarulo and Julie A. Salzarulo and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds immediately prior herewith.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11598, Page 77. See also deed recorded in Said Deeds in Book 15896, Page 231.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale:

Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be

announced at the sale. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Pelletier, David J., 16-027052 09/02, 09/09, 09/16/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Roger Reed Fish Hatchery Dam Pipeline Replacement LOCATION: 6 9 3 Ware Street, Palmer, MA 01069

PROPOSER: Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before August 31, 2021

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-62I). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Tighe & Bond, c/o Daniel Buttrick, PE, 53 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085, Phone: (413) 572-3225

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Palmer where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife 09/02/2021

LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch. 131, S.40,

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Under the requirements of MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch. 131, S.40,

the Monson Conservation Commission during its public meeting on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:20 PM** will review a **Request for a Determination of Applicability** to conduct Invasive Species Control and the removal of Japanese Knot Weed outside the fence line of Veterans Field along the Chicopee Brook. The project location Veteran's Field is at 8 State St., Map 114, Parcel 100. The property owner is the Town of Monson and the applicant is Dan Larocche, Director of Community Development. Submitted by: Monson Conservation Commission 09/02/2021

Town of Wales Zoning Board of Appeals

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 40A §10 & §11, the **Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on September 20, 2021, at the Wales Town Offices at 5:30 PM**, on the application of Robert Baker, of 31 Union Rd, for a special permit in terms of the Town of Wales Zoning By-law Sec. 4. 2.. The Town of Wales Zoning By-Law Sec. 4.2.2 states "A pre-existing non-conforming use or structure may not be extended, altered or changed except by a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals." Specifically, the applicant wishes to construct a small deck with steps onto an existing structure. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to the town website (www.town-ofwales.net) under zoning board agenda for the above date to participate virtually. If you have any questions or concerns, please email: planning@townofwales.net 09/02, 09/09/2021

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to 14 calls Aug. 25 –31:

On Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 5:33 a.m., the department responded to an alarm system activation with no fire on Beech Street. The department returned to service at 6:05 p.m.

On Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 11:53 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Fairview Street. The department returned to service at 12:06 p.m.

On Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 12:21 a.m., the department responded to an alarm system activation due to a malfunction on High Street. The department returned to service at 10:31 a.m.

On Thursday, Aug. 26, at 11:35 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Beason Drive. The department returned to service at 12:08 a.m.

On Friday, Aug. 27, at 5:01 p.m., the department responded to a passenger vehicle fire on West Ware Road. The department returned to service at 6:02 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 28, at 12:54 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with no injuries on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 1:05 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 28, at 6:25 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on injuries on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 1:05 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 28, at 6:25 p.m.,

the department responded to a smoke detector activation on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 6:45 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 29, at 4:21 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 4:49 p.m.

On Monday, Aug. 30, at 8:23 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide activation on Palmer Park Drive. The department returned to service at 8:40 a.m.

On Monday, Aug. 30, at 1:30 p.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 3:15 p.m.

On Monday, Aug. 30, at 3:44 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 3:58 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 9:24 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Michael Drive. The department returned to service at 9:51 a.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 10:19 a.m., the department responded to a call that was cancelled en route. The department returned to service at 10:31 a.m.

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to three calls Aug. 24-30:

On Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 1:02 p.m., the department responded to an alarm ac-

tivation on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 1:27 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 2:22 p.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 2:40 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 2:45 p.m., the department responded to an animal issue on Main Street. The department returned to service at 2:55 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to five calls Aug. 25-31:

On Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 10:28 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Belchertown Street. The department returned to service at 10:50 a.m.

On Friday, Aug. 27, at 1:30 p.m., the department responded to a public assistance call on Bourne Street. The department returned to service at 4:35 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 29, at 11:25 a.m., the department responded to an unauthorized fire. The department returned to service at noon.

On Sunday, Aug. 29, at 3:55 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on High Street. The department returned to service at 4:18 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 10:10 a.m., the department responded to a cooking incident on Maple Terrace. The department returned to service at 10:51 a.m.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HOLLAND OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

To the owners of the hereinafter described land and to all others concerned

You are hereby notified that on **Thursday the 16th day of September, 2021 , at 10:00 A.M.** at the Tax Collector's Office, 27 Sturbridge Road , pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Holland the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Steven Anderstrom, Collector of Taxes

Assessed To BEU JEREMY

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4792 Square Feet located and known as 53 ISLAND RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R11/B/09 and being part of the premises recorded in book 21213 on page 377 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner WISZ ALEXANDER E AND DAWN A

2019 Tax \$27.07

Assessed To GARCIA FELIX

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 20909 Square Feet located and known as JUDY DR/ LYNNE AVE shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R31/B/04.07 and being part of the premises recorded in book 21668 on page 156 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2019 Tax \$627.92

Assessed To LITTLE HOUSE ON THE LAKE LLC

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2019 Tax \$241.37

Assessed To MARTEL-FYFE HOPE A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 22216 Square Feet located and known as MORSE RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 15/A/12 and being part of the premises recorded in book 20224 on page 269 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner C/O MAZZONE ANTHONY M JR AND ISOBEL

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2019 Tax \$2,279.55

Assessed To RUDOLPH RICHARD H

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3049 Square Feet located and known as HALFWAY LN shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R36/E/06 and being part of the premises recorded in book 8197 on page 564 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2019 Tax \$26.72

Assessed To SHERMAN MICHAEL D

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 9148 Square Feet located and known as SANDY BEACH RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier R36/K/04 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16754 on page 133 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2019 Tax \$282.23

Assessed To THERIAULT NANCY J

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 31363 Square Feet located and known as 186 BRIMFIELD RD shown on the Town of Holland Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 14/C/04 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3668 on page 217 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

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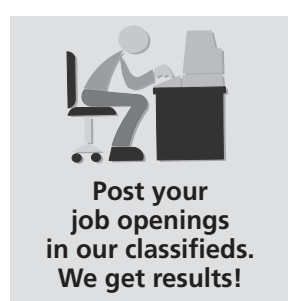
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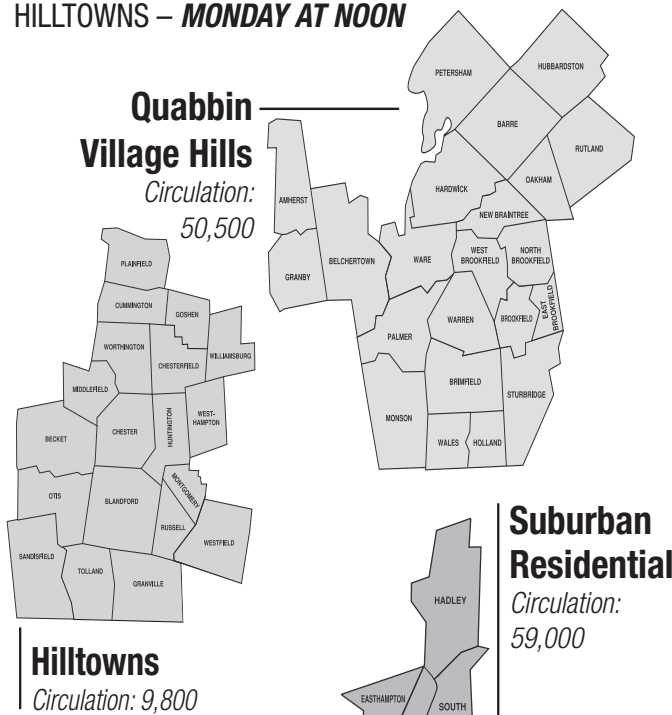
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Sheila Brown teaches a seventh-grade math class as the 2021-'22 school years gets underway.



History teachers Kate Marceau (standing) and Jenn McDiarmid confer between classes on the first day back at PHS.

Students return to class for a brand new school year

REGION — Labor Day weekend comes a little late this year, but local students returned to school in the past week. Pathfinder Regional actually began its new school year last week, followed by Monson on Monday and Palmer and Tantasqua on Tuesday. Here's a look at teachers, students, and staff in Palmer schools on day No. 1:



Old Mill Pond Administrative Assistants Melissa Petrasiewicz and Paula Cunningham look forward to a great new school year.



Principal Allison Petit stands underneath an inspirational message at Old Mill Pond Elementary.



Kelly Monaghan makes a point to students in her eighth-grade math class at PHS.



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Students give their full attention to grade five teacher Christine Lavallee at OMP Tuesday.



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